



**U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Attorney's Office
Western District of Texas**

Johnny Sutton, U.S. Attorney

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Shana Jones, Special Assistant
Daryl Fields, Public Information Officer
(210) 384-7440

March 18, 2004

**TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
ARRESTED IN BRIBERY SCHEME**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced the arrests of three Eagle Pass, Texas, men in connection with a bribery scheme which focused on the illegal access to government computers for financial gain.

Yesterday, a federal grand jury returned two indictments. The first indictment charges 30-year-old Louis Alfonso Krezdorn, an unlicensed private investigator, and his father, 53-year-old Louis Valdez Krezdorn, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspector at the Eagle Pass Port of Entry, with one count of conspiracy to access Federal computers for personal gain and pay bribes to a public official. In addition, the indictment charges both defendants with four substantive counts each of bribery and unauthorized access to Federal interest computers. The indictment alleges that from December 2001 to March 12, 2003, Louis Alfonso received a total of approximately \$5,000 from a person seeking confidential information concerning criminal records, warrants and other information about certain individuals from federal law enforcement computers. Louis Alfonso, in turn, paid his father for obtaining the confidential information. Louis Alfonso would then provide the confidential information to the original inquirer. Upon conviction of all charges in this indictment, each defendant faces up to 85 years in federal prison.

The second indictment charges Louis Alfonso Krezdorn and 32-year-old Juan Alberto Garcia, a Constable in Maverick County, with one count of conspiracy to access Federal computers for personal gain and pay bribes to a public official. In addition, Garcia is charged with one count of unauthorized access to Federal interest computers. The second indictment alleges that between December 2001 and March 12, 2003, Krezdorn paid Garcia for confidential information he obtained by accessing the Department of Justice's National Crime Information Center through the Eagle Pass Police Department and Maverick County Sheriff's Department computers. Upon conviction of all charges in this indictment, Krezdorn faces up to five years in federal prison; Garcia, up to 10 years in federal prison.

All three defendants were arrested without incident this morning. Bond was set at \$25,000 unsecured for Louis Valdez Krezdorn and Juan Garcia. Louis Alfonso Krezdorn remains in federal custody pending a detention hearing scheduled for 9:00am on Tuesday before United States Magistrate Judge Dennis Green.

This case is being investigated by the Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General. Assistant United States Attorneys Ray and LeRoy Jahn are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government. **An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

#####